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SUBJECT: UNCTAD TDB XIV: TIMETABLE FOR REMAINDER OF AGENDA

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1. AS OF COB SEPTEMBER 2, PLENARY HAS CONCLUDED ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS 1 -- ELECTION OF OFFICERS, 2 -- ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK, 12C -- ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER, 12F -- MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (POSTPONED TO RESUMED FOURTEENTH SESSION), AND 13D -- BAHAMAS AND GUINEA BISSAU. PLENARY HAS ALSO CONCLUDED DEBATE RPT DEBATE ON:

4A -- REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE;

4B -- DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION

5 -- FOURTH SESSION OF UNCTAD

7 -- INTERDEPENDENCE OF PROBLEMS OF TRADE, ETC.

9 -- SPECIAL MEASURES FOR LEAST DEVELOPED

10 -- SPECIAL MEASURES FOR LAND-LOCKED

ON THESE LATTER, ITEM WILL BE REOPENED WHENEVER A PROPOSAL FOR ACTION IS READY TO BE PRESENTED TO BOARD, WHETHER UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM THE CHAIR OR IN FORM OF DRAFT RESOLUTION. DEAD-

LINE FOR PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS HAS BEEN SET AT COB
SEPTEMBER 5, BUT IS EXPECTED TO BE EXTENDED.

2. PLENARY SCHEDULED TO DEBATE ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS
ACCORDING TO FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

6 -- CHARTER (INTRODUCTION SEPTEMBER 3; SUBSTANTIVE
STATEMENTS ON DRAFT CHARTER, INCLUDING RESULTS OF
INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS DURING NEXT FEW DAYS, SEPTEMBER 9
OR 10)

12A -- INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (SEPTEMBER 3)

12B -- UNCITRAL REPORT (PENDING)

12D AND E -- MEMBERSHIP OF MAIN COMMITTEES (SEPTEMBER 6)

12G -- WORKING PARTY ON PROGRAM BUDGET (PENDING)

12H -- CALENDAR OF MEETINGS (SEPTEMBER 9)

12I -- FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (SEPTEMBER 9)

12J -- PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF TDB XV (SEPTEMBER 9)

13B -- INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES (SEPTEMBER 10)

13C -- NGO'S (SEPTEMBER 10)

13D -- "AS ADOPTED" (SEPTEMBER 10)

3. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE 1 HAS CONCLUDED DEBATE RPT DEBATE
ON AGENDA ITEMS

8(B) -- MANUFACTURES

8(D) -- FINANCING

8(E) -- TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

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DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON ALL THREE SUBJECTS ARE BEFORE
COMMITTEE CONTACT GROUP AND CAN BE REPORTED BACK TO
COMMITTEE AT ANY TIME.

4. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE 1 SCHEDULED TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL
AGENDA ITEMS ACCORDING TO FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

8(A) -- COMMODITIES, INCLUDING THE SEC GEN'S

PROPOSALS FOR AN "INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR COMMODITIES"
(TD/B/498) AND FOR "STRENGTHENING UNCTAD" IN THE FIELD
OF COMMODITY TRADE DATA (TD/B/497), (NOW BEFORE THE
COMMITTEE)

8(C) -- SHIPPING (SEPTEMBER 4-5)

8(F) -- INTERMODAL TRANSPORT (SIMULTANEOUS WITH 8C)

13(F) -- ECOSOC CONTAINER STANDARDS RESOLUTION
(SIMULTANEOUS WITH 8C)

5. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE 2 DEALING ONLY WITH AGENDA ITEM
11, "TRADE RELATIONS AMONG COUNTRIES HAVING DIFFERENT
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS." COMMITTEE SCHEDULED TO
HOLD TOTAL OF ONLY EIGHT SESSIONS. FOUR HELD TO DATE
AND LDC'S HAVE DISPLAYED VIRTUALLY NO INTEREST.

6. PLENARY SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM SESSIONAL
COMMITTEES ON SEPTEMBER 10 BUT IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT
COMMITTEE 1 WILL HAVE COMPLETED ITS WORK BY THEN. IN
ADDITION, WE EXPECT PLENARY CONTACT GROUP WILL BE
FORMED TO DEAL WITH DRAFT RESOLUTIONS UNDER AGENDA
ITEMS LISTED PARA 1 ABOVE, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO
WORD YET WHAT LDC'S PLAN TO SUBMIT IN THESE AREAS.
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